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(X) No additional fee  
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TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 (Paper No. 20040819) (hereinafter "Final Action"), finally rejecting claims 1–20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**No Amendments are Being Made to the Claims**, but a complete listing of claims begins on page 4 of this paper for the Examiner's convenience.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.